
INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION

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The Interstate Mining Commission was created by the Interstate Mining Compact initiated by the Council of State Governments. To date, seventeen states have ratified the Compact; Maryland ratified in 1973 (Chapter 297, Acts of 1973).

The purpose of the Compact is to protect and restore land, water, and other resources affected by mining. The Commission assists in reducing the deterioration of land, water, and air attributable to mining and encourages programs to protect, conserve, and improve the usefulness of natural resources. The Commission also recommends techniques to improve, restore, or protect land and other resources affected by mining and helps support and maintain an efficient, productive mining industry.

The Commission is composed of the seventeen governors of the states that have ratified the Compact. Each governor may name an alternate. The Commission's annual budget is \$283,000. The first half of the budget is assessed to each state on an equal basis. The other half is pro-rated on the basis of the value of mineral production in the party states (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-701 through 7-703).

INTERSTATE OIL & GAS COMPACT COMMISSION

Chair: Ben Nelson, Governor of Nebraska

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In 1935, the Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 390, Acts of 1959). The Compact established the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. From its inception, the Commission has been equally concerned with the conservation of oil and gas and, in 1991, adopted its present name. Through the Commission, thirty-five mem-

ber states work to conserve oil and gas resources by maximizing their production while minimizing waste. The Commission promotes environmental protection in energy-producing states and is a forum for state regulators seeking to standardize laws, rules, and regulations in these states.

Members of the Commission include the governor of each signatory state and an assistant representative who may act in the governor's stead (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 through 6-404).

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Robert R. Jordan, Delaware
Vice-Chair: Thomas W. Rollins, Texas

Maryland representative appointed by Secretary of Interior upon nomination of Governor: Emery T. Cleaves, Ph.D., Director, Maryland Geological Survey

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The Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee is a committee of the Outer Continental Shelf Advisory Board, created in 1975 by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331, et seq.). Through the Board, the U.S. Department of the Interior receives comments and recommendations from coastal state officials. The Board also provides a forum for coastal states and federal agencies involved in development of the shelf.

The Policy Committee advises the Secretary of the Interior on national policy implications of managing federal resources. This includes leasing, exploration, development, and protection of natural and mineral resources of the outer continental shelf. Committee meetings provide a formal mechanism for public interaction. Representatives include senior officials from the offices of the coastal state governors, fourteen discretionary members from public and private sectors, and eleven federal members who serve ex officio.

OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Maryland members appointed by Governor: Jane T. Nishida, Secretary of the Environment; Merrylin Zaw-Mon, Director, Air & Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment.

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